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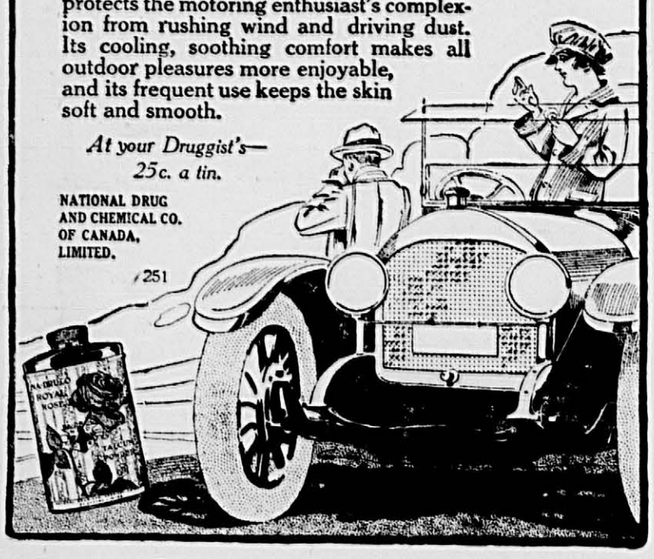

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STUDENT TOOK NOVEL MEANS TO END LIFE

Maxwell Markus, Dental Student, Was Despondent.

AMBITIOUS ROUMANIAN.

Had Studied for Six Years to Prepare Himself to Enter Profession.

One of the saddest tragedies that has ever been enacted in the history of McGill took place on Sunday, when Maxwell Markus, of Dentistry '19, committed suicide at his home at 2359 Clarke St. Markus is said to have been despondent from repeated unsuccessful attempts to pass one of the examinations in the first years of his course. He has been at McGill for three years, and had been fairly successful attempts to pass one of the the one which has proved unsurmountable at his every attempt to pass it.

Markus was a Roumanian by birth, and came to Canada at the age of 16 with his sister and brother, with whom he lived up to the time of his death. When he arrived in this country, he could not read or write, and had very little education of any kind. He went to work in one of the factories about Montreal, and worked there six years.

During the six years that he spent in the shops, he worked incessantly to try to make up for the deficiencies in his earlier education, and stayed up far into the night to study his books. It was at the end of this period in his life that he met several college men, who advised him strongly to try to get a college education. Being exceedingly ambitious, and of a studious nature, as his night work would show, he considered this proposition very favorably. He studied hard and tried the examinations of the College of Dental Surgeons for the Province of Quebec, the next year. Due largely to his lack of previous education, he was unable to get the required grade for entrance into McGill. In 1913, he tried again, and once more his efforts met with failure.

In 1914, however, he passed the examinations of the College ,and matriculated into McGill in the fall of that year.

He only stayed about the University for a few weeks, as he realized that his knowledge of Physics was not sufficient, and decided to stay out for a year, and gain a better grounding in that subject. In 1915, he again registered in Dentistry. This time, his stay at McGill was somewhat longer than the previous one, and, as the studies progressed, he again realized that he would be unable to make the grade. This year, he came back for the last time. It was as a result of his first examination, which was a failure, that he ended his life on Sunday.

After the results of the examination were announced last week, he was seen to be very despondent, but his classmates did not think that he contemplated any such act as that which brought his uphill career to such an untimely end. He was seen at lectures for the rest of the week, and attended the C. O. T. C. drill on Saturday. At that time, nothing strange appeared in his actions.

On several occasions during the last few days he has been attacked by fits of despondency. It was evident that he had made a very ingenious arrangement to end his life. For the last four or five days he had made every effort to get his relatives to go out in the evening, supposedly to have an opportunity to carry out his plans. It was not until Sunday night that he had the looked-for opportunity. His family went out to a party in the evening at eight o'clock, and did not return until twelve. On entering his room, they found him unconscious from the effects of gas poisoning. He had rigged up an attachment to the gas range in the kitchen, and led the hose into his room. There were electric lights in his room, and so he had to resort to this method to do away with himself. In order to insure himself against discovery, he had filled all the door and window cracks with putty to prevent the escape of the gas.

When the body was discovered, two doctors were called, but these were unable to do anything for him, and after two and a half hours were spent in trying to resuscitate him, his case was given up.

When his room was visited by a Daily reporter last night, evidences of his labors in the acquisition of an education were at every hand. There were no less than five hundred pages of notes on Physics, besides notes on other subjects. Every available nook was filled with books of an educational nature.

Markus was very well liked by his classmates, for, while he made very little effort to cultivate the friendship of the men, he was nevertheless very companionable when approached.

Besides his studies at McGill, Markus was in partnership with a brother in a flourishing grocery business. He is survived by a sister and a brother, both living at the same address.

Students of the University of Washington are conducting a contest to determine who is the most typical gentleman of leisure on the campus. The object is to present that individual with two free tickets to a forthcoming student play, "The Gentleman of Leisure."

CAMPUS RINK TO START.

Work on the Campus rink will be started as soon as feasible. This was the decision of the Students' Council at its regular weekly meeting at the Union last night. The following members were present: F. B. Common, president; W. H. Gerrie, Athletic Association; S. J. W. Liddy, Science representative; J. W. Rooney, Hockey club; D. C. Smelzer, Track club; W. B. Galvin, Law; A. H. Greenwood, Rugby football club; H. R. Morgan, McGill Union; R. J. Clarke, Arts representative. The campus rink this winter will be on the same site as was the case last session.

A financial statement of the week's operations of the Council was presented, as well as an estimated statement of the financial standing at June 30, 1917.

An appropriation was passed to the Mandolin Club, which was represented at the meeting by Messrs. A. A. Scott and T. Binmore.

LT. LEO, ON LEAVE, CALLED AT UNION

Criticises Montreal, But Has Praise for McGill Spirit Toward Recruiting.

After eighteen months overseas and eight months on active service with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force of the British Army, 2nd Lieut. L. M. Leo, Sci. '15, of the Royal Field Artillery, has returned to Montreal on sick leave, and is at his home in Westmount. In conversation with McGill Daily yesterday, 2nd Lieut. Leo told of the numerous McGill men whom he had met overseas, and of the good work which they were doing. 2nd Lieut. Leo was a member of the McGill contingent, C.O.T.C., when he went to England at the close of the spring training camp at Niagara in 1915, and secured a commission in the Royal Field Artillery. Latterly he has been specializing in range-finding, being stationed with the British guns on the Macedonian front, where he stated the Allies were making slow but steady prograss.

In Norwich, England, 2nd Lieut. Leo met Capt. W. E. G. Murray, Arts '13, of the Royal Flying Corps, McGill Rhodes Scholar, who has been in a couple of smashes in the air, and who mentioned the fact that all the other men with whom he had been associated in the Royal Flying Corps early in the war had lost their lives. In Egypt 2nd. Lieut. Leo was entertained by Dr. L. B. Wilmot, Med. '01, who is now the leading bacteriologist in Egypt, and is doing extremely useful work in combatting dysentry and typhoid. He also met Col. E. J. Williams, Med. '97, who commands No. 1 Canadian Stationary Hospital, Lieut. Henry O. Routledge, past student, now with the Royal Engineers; Major Gerald Birks, Major (Rev. Canon) F. G. Scott, chief chaplain of the First Canadian Division, and many others.

Speaking of the recruiting situation in Canada, 2nd Lieut. Leo said: "It is very strange that in Montreal it does not seem as if there is any war at all, with the exception of the activities around McGill, after having left a country where everybody, men and women, are affected. Montreal, with its detached air, strikes one as being the same as England was seven or eight months after the war started. I hope that my next visit will find Canada possessing the same feeling as McGill has at present. The sooner we get all available and eligible men over, the sooner will the war be over."

2nd Lieut. Leo added that the Canadian soldiers overseas have at present discipline second to none.

WHAT'S ON

TO-DAY.

11.00 a.m.—R. V. C. Partial Society in the Common Room.
1.00 p.m.—R. V. C. '17 Meeting in the Common Room.
1.00 p.m.—R. V. C. '18 Meeting.
1.00 p.m.—R. V. C., '19 Meeting in the Latin Rooom.
1.00 p.m.—R. V. C. '20 Meeting in the Mathematics Room.
2.00 p.m.—Electric Club Trip.
5.00 p.m.—R. V. C. Basketball practice.
6.30 p.m.—Cercle Francais Supper in the Union.
8.00 p.m.—Water Polo, McGill vs. M. S. C. at Laurentian Baths.

TO-MORROW.

2.00 p.m.—R. V. C. Basketball games (two).
8.00 p.m.—Arts Undergrad. Shoker in the Union.

COMING.

Saturday— Science vs. Medicine, Football.

BAKER NOT PRO.

Says a New York report: Hokey Baker, the former hockey star at Princeton, has been offered $2,000 to play with a professional hockey team at Montreal, for the coming season, short as it is. Baker refused to consider the offer, and is spending all his spare moments in studying aviation. He qualified recently as a Government flier.

ITALY'S ACTION ON THE BRINK OF WORLD WAR

Dr. Colby States Her Position Trying and Difficult.

PURPOSE OF LECTURE.

Why Italy Spurned Triple Alliance for the Entente Clearly Shown.

The trying and difficult position in which Italy was placed when war was declared, by reason of her alliance with Germany and Austria, and the steps which led up to the decision to throw in her lot with the Entente Allies were reviewed by Dr. C. W. Colby in his lecture on "Italy on the Brink," in the "Europe at War" series at the Royal Victoria College yesterday afternoon. Italy could easily have profitted by an alliance with the Central Powers, into which they had entered through belief that it was a league of peace which they were joining. Without striking a blow, the Italians could have secured from Austria the district of Trent, or "at least a promise of the district of Trent," but they had discovered from the events of recent years that the object of Germany and Austria was no longer peace, and accordingly they decided that they could no longer retain their position in the alliance.

Why Italy acted as she did, first in joining the Triple Alliance; secondly in leaving it, and thirdly in identifying herself with England, France and Russia was, Dr. Colby stated, the purpose of the lecture. When the war of Italian independence was being waged by Cavour, Garibaldi, and Victor Emmanuel against Austria chiefly, England and France were the best friends of the Italian cause to be found in Europe, and the friendly relations existing between England and Italy date from this period. It was through the help of Napoleon III. that Victor Emmanuel was enabled to drive the Austrians from Lombardy, and England also helped in no uncertain manner. For the services of France, however, Napoleon annexed Savoy and Nice, whereas England sought no reward for her contribution. The action of the French caused a feeling in Italy that any obligation on the part of the country to France was discharged by the cession of the territory which had been annexed. When the kingdom of Italy was created in 1860, a strong bond of sentiment existed between England and Italy, and this has not since weakened, a notable example being the attitude taken by the Italians at the time of the Boer War, when the Italian nation was alone willing to credit Great Britain with good motives in its South African policy. Furthermore, as Dr. Colby pointed out, Italy could never have allied herself wtih Germany and Austria without the consent of the British, who could have used the power of their navy to bring about a different result.

When the Triple Alliance was formed in 1882, France and England had fallen out over Egypt, while France and Italy were at loggerheads over Tunis. It was thus only natural that Italy should decide to join the Central Powers, and also only natural that England should offer no objection in such an alliance.

Even before it was known that England would enter the war, Italy had advised the Central Powers of her refusal to mobilize on their side. She thus declared for neutrality, which was later changed to alliance with the Entente largely through the action of England in joining hands with France and Russia against Germany and Austria. Signs of a swinging towards the Entente by Italy are evident as early as 1905, when Germany attempted to coerce France in regard to the Moroccan question. When a vote was taken at the Algeciras Conference with regard to this difficulty, it was found that the Italian representatives had sided with England and France against the Central Powers—"a very striking symptom." The reconciliation of France and Italy after the Agadir crisis of 1911 was another significant step, the Italian war against Turkey being the first plain sign of trouble inside the Triple Alliance. Tripoli and the First Balkan War created a condition which made it impossible for the Italians to keep their place in the Triple Alliance with any degree of enthusiasm. The desire to be on the side of England and France, and the retention of Tripoli were strong factors in the decision of the Italians to join with the Entente in the present struggle, but the more positive force which drove her towards the war was a desire to establish a hold on the east coast of the Adriatic, and to be in line for the establishment of a new colony in Asia Minor. Dr. Colby concluded his lecture with a review of Irrendentism, the Adriatic situation, and Italy's aspirations with regard to Asia Minor.

LOST.

Between the R. V. C. and McGill Library, a pearl bar pin. Will finder please leave same with the Janitor, Arts Building.

In the Physics Building, a Y. M. C. A. watch fob. Will finder please leave with "Harry," in the Engineering Building.

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McGILL'S GLORIOUS SON.

Yesterday, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Law '64, celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday, spending the day quietly at home, where he received literally hundreds of telegrams and messages of congratulations. Born at Saint Lin in 1841, he was educated at Assomption College, and after graduating from there took up the study of Law in the offices of Mr. Laflamme, of this city, at the same time following the Lectures at McGill. He graduated from McGill with the degree of B.C.L., in 1864, and was called to the Bar of the Province of Quebec in the summer of the same year.

Two years later Sir Wilfrid left Montreal for Arthabaska, where he worked as a journalist on Eric Dorion's paper "Le Defricheur." Five years later he was returned a member of the Quebec Legislature for the electoral district of Drummond-Arthabaska. From this time on he was a prominent figure in political life, becoming chief of the Liberal Party in 1887, and Prime Minister in 1896, which office he held till 1911, when his party was defeated at the polls.

McGill honoured her glorious son with the degree of LL.D., in 1898. Similar degrees were conferred upon him by the Universities of Toronto, Cambridge, Oxford, Queen's, Edinburgh, Laval and Glasgow. It would be next to impossible to give a full account of his career in public life unless we had unlimited space at our disposal. A condensed and abbreviated account of his life occupies three columns in Morgan's "Canadian Men and Women of the Time," speaking eloquently of the recognition of his service to our national life. He prepared himself for his life work from the very first. A a student "wise, modest, studious and sober," as Senator L. O. David describes him, he spent his spare moments in studying literature and the art of public speaking, taking a most active interest in the literary and economic clubs at the University.

Andrew Carnegie has declared him to be "One of the five greatest men living to-day." That was in 1912, and holds even to-day. T. P. O'Connor says, "The best description I ever heard of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was given me by a very interesting Canadian personality, Sir George Ross, who was for many years Prime Minister of the Province of Ontario. 'Sir Wilfrid Laurier,' said this dour, gnarled, kindly, shrewd old Scotch Canadian, 'is a whole picture gallery in himself.' This praise—which I will always remember as witty and picturesque—gives you some idea of the impression which the appearance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier makes upon you." The late Goldwin Smith described him, in three short phrases, as, "An affable gentleman; a pleasing orator; a thorough opportunist."

McGill is proud of her long list of distinguished graduates who have gone forth from her walls, but it can be safely said that of none is she more proud than Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who, rising from humble circumstances, has brought honour to himself, his Alma Mater, and the land of his birth.

McGill Daily takes this opportunity of extending hearty felicitations to Sir Wilfrid, expressing the hope that he may see many more years of what has been a glorious and eventful life.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

No doubt the five-cent magazine and the fifty-nine cent novel fill a niche in the system of universal education. When a man is forced to turn from the business of educating himself to the grimmer realities of life they may constitute an effective means of holding in touch with the currents of world thought a tired brain that would revolt at more solid reading. But within the walls of a university, where men have come primarily and even solely to educate themselves by the assimilation of sound brain food, there is no place for the fiction magazine and the "best seller."

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MR. CORBETT IN CLEVELAND.

E. A. Corbett, general secretary of the McGill Y.M.C.A., left yesterday for Cleveland, O., where he will attend a convention of Y. M. C. A. secretaries of North America, as representative of the National Student Council of Canada. Mr. Corbett will be absent until Saturday.

WATER POLO TO-NIGHT.

The water polo team will meet the M. S. C. team in the Laurentian Baths this evening at 8 p.m., in their second scheduled game of the season. The following are asked to be on hand, and any others who have been out to practices: Henderson, O'Brien, Lally, McGregor and Redmond. If there is no team, McGill will be obliged to withdraw from the League.

AEROPLANE AT MICHIGAN.

Aviator Don McGee and his military tractor biplane are at the University of Michigan, and he is making passenger-carrying flights. Over half-a-dozen students were carried up, and got their first view of Ann Arbor from the clouds. The flying is to continue until the end of the week.

BREWERY USES TEAM PICTURE.

Resolutions condemning the use of the picture of the football team of Ohio State University were lately sent to the offending company. The brewery used the team's picture and also the name of a prominent man on the Campus in an advertisement of their product.

NUT AT TECH.

A few of the students at M. I. T. were treated to a little excitement when an old man became demented in the Tech. yard and drew a large-sized toad-sticker, and proceeded to "cut up." He was about to attack a girl near by, when several Italians who were helping to erect more Tech. buildings, saw him. An exciting chase followed, which was soon quelled by the Campus cop, who grabbed the cause of the trouble, handcuffed it, and took it away to the cooler.

STUDENTS TO BUILD STADIUM.

Students of the University of New Hampshire have volunteered to build a stadium for the college, doing all the work themselves. The plans have been completed, and work on the grand stand will begin this week. The total cost will be $500.

SOIL TESTS.

The University of Pennsylvania is now engaged in a notable experiment. Samples of soil are being secured from all parts of the State of Pennsylvania, at least 50 from each county, and they are tested for acidity and alkalinity. By means of the descriptive sheets that accompany each one, the result of these factors, together with the farm conditions as drainage, fertilizer, etc., are used to discover the regions of acid soils, and those that are alkaline, as well as the relative fertility. A bulletin will be published on the matter as soon as all samples have been examined.

SAILS FOR ENGLAND.

Dr. George E. Armstrong, Professor of Surgery, has sailed for England, where he will at once assume office as chief surgeon of the Canadian medical service overseas.

GIRLS.

"The Stroller," in the Columbia Spectator, has the following to say on this interesting subject:

"From Girls, O Lord, deliver us!
From tall girls, from short girls, from thin and from fat girls!
From the girls we like, from the girls we ought to like, and from the girls who dislike us!
From brilliant girls, from stupid girls, from masculine girls and from feminine girls!
And from seven in particular among the daughters of Eve we pray that thou deliver us!

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For the first and worst is the Baby-doll. She whose sole interests in life are a chafing dish and a frowzy Pom. She who is kittenish ,and coddles one and who talks of 'Poor 'ittle me.' For she knows that she knoweth nothing, and you are her 'strong man' and 'protector.'

And the Second is like unto her, being the High School Girl. For she is O, so risky, and loves the movie Vampires. Who dances eternally with latest gyration, and who plays ragtime, and slangs. And she loveth to 'correspond,' and her every meeting is a 'date.' And among the college pennants on the wall is hung a picture of some movie king. You are her ideal, and she your affliction.

But the Third is even worsenthat, being the Serious Girl. She is very wise, She knoweth much Latin and Greek and understandeth the Library Card Catalogue. Beyond such knowledge lies omniscience. She is an anti-suffragette, you 'friend,' and does her hair in a hard, muddy knot. Her he-cat is nam- "Plato," and the heels of her shoes are as flat as her conversation.

The Fourth, being the Radical girl, is likewise thus. She is all the 'ists,' and most of the 'isms.' Her hair is bobbed, she hath too many teeth, and she designs her own dresses. In exercising the freedom of thought of all emancipated souls, she decorously discusses all unmentionable topics. And you suspect her of being 'Platonic,' for when she sits out dances she talks only of 'The Congo.' She it is who knoweth two members of the Liberal Club, and twice she has been to the Fakirs' Ball.

Fifth comes the Clever Girl. For she sparkles at repartee and fudge-making. And in her den are many soap-box chairs, even as in the 'Happy Home Makers Weekly.' And she is so young and girlish, and her friends say, 'Tootsie is clever enough to conceal her cleverness.' Howsoever, she delights in argument and in 'matching her mind,' and in your inmost heart you hate and fear her.

Sixth is the Outofdoors Girl. She who beats you 'love' at tennis, and believes in being 'chums.' Who knoweth all the baseball scores, and 'dotes' on some brute of a Cornell football man. She who 'hikes,' and laboring with a frying-pan, cooks flap-jacks like unto rubber boots, for your eternal woe.

Seventh and last cometh Perfection . . . the end of all things. For she is beautiful, and mid-Victorian. She is loving, and worketh in a Settlement. She is Outofdoors, and botanizes. She is feminine, logical, ideal . . . . And yet you can not like her!

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Allah is good! . . . . Deliver us!"

THE PRINCESS.

"The Lodger," a play of mirth and mystery, is the showing at the Princess this week. The opening scene is that of a humble sitting room in a lodging house in London, England. The first two acts in themselves are not worthy of special note, and it may be said that at times the play begins to drag. The story is woven around the home of the lodging house of Mr. and Mrs. Bunting, the former once the butler to a nobleman, and his wife the cook at the same place. They are, at the time the story opens, desirous of a lodger. Mrs. Bunting, who shows herself to be the mistress of the household, has taken under her roof Miss Irene Harding, the daughter of a nobleman, being disappointed in love, and having quarrelled with her parents, and could not remain there any longer. The lodger, a very excitable and nervous man, takes up his abode with the Buntings.

The mystery of the play is that of the murder of young girls, which takes place most every evening. The lodger takes his outing at night, and, of course, is suspected of being the perpetrator of the foul deeds. Miss Harding at this time is doing stenography and writing stories to earn a livelihood. The lodger assists her in her writings, and engages her to do his stenography for his scientific research. This is the beginning of the love making, which continues throughout the play. Mr. and Mrs. Bunting, by their continued intruding and the consequent interruption of wooing, evoke much laughter.

The lodger is finally about to be arrested by men from Scotland Yard, but he is kept from it by his lawyer, Mr. Prentiss, who makes it known that the lodger is in reality a distinguished nobleman, and has sought these quiet quarters as a means to get away from the busy life of the nobility. Miss Harding, who has up to this point been undecided as to accepting the offer of the lodger, now readily accedes to his request to become his wife.

The only exceptional actor on the stage is "The Lodger," and nothing more could be desired. His part is a difficult one, but the manner in which he plays the part of the seemingly insane man is worthy of note.

Mrs. Bunting is the life of the play with her droll way of saying what she does, and her naturalness of surprise

While the play is somewhat of a disappointment as a comedy, it may be said that the rare English wit as presented, is something not often witnessed by Montreal theatre-goers, and it is entirely free from anything that even the most puritanical could consider as objectionable.

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Preparing for Opening of Student Rink at Ste. Anne de Bellevue—Juniors Win at Basketball—Elocutionary Contest Held by Macdonald College Literary and Debating Society—Lance-Corp. Milne Tells of Death from Wounds of Sergt. J. H. McCormick, of the Patricia's—Schedule Issued for Interyear Basketball Games.

TOO MANY AGRICULTURAL GRADUATES?

This statement, in the affirmative form, has been put forth quite frequently of late, by some who foresee trouble ahead when the "five Canadian Agricultural Colleges" get into full swing, and turn out their annual quota of graduates. They fear a surplus of experts when conditions become normal again, after the war.

Prof. Lochhead, of Macdonald College, in an article which appeared recently in the Journal of Agriculture and Horticulture, sums up the situation rather accurately, and makes it clear that such a situation does not, and can not exist. He says:

"We confess that such a possible condition does not trouble us. The congestion, if it occurs, will bring with it its own remedy. Some of the graduates will undoubtedly go back to the farm, and some will go into other lines of work. The presence of graduates of agricultural colleges in other professions will in the long run work out for the promotion of agriculture. At the present time the professional and business men of the country do not take sufficient interest in agriculture, mainly, we believe, because they do not understand the real status of agriculture and the problems of the farmer. We would like to see the day when more of our legislators are agricultural college graduates, for greater support would then be given to matters relating to progressive agricultural legislation.

We believe, too, that after the war more graduates will be required, for the war has taught us a lesson as to the value of experts. Fifteen years ago what prophet predicted the employment of hundreds of graduates as County Representatives? And this work is yet in its infancy. Perhaps every township will have its graduate; who knows?

In addition, every branch of agriculture will have its research graduates working on problems which require solution. This field of work is wide and pressing, but the workers are few. Our farmers must be taught to farm intensively by the application of new methods. Moreover, the economics of agriculture has scarcely been touched, yet here lies a most promising line of work for scores of trained graduates.

The day is coming, we think, when there will be two kinds of agricultural schools in Canada—one preparing young men and women for return to the farms, by courses very like those offered in the present two-year courses; the other preparing graduate experts for research work, county representatives, teachers, etc. Perhaps every county will have one of the former, and every province one of the latter."

THE ELOCUTIONARY CONTEST.

The Macdonald College Literary and Debating Society held its annual Elocutionary contest last Thursday evening, November 16, in the Assembly Hall, which was made extremely attractive by a magnificent display of brilliant and gorgeous chrysanthemums, evoking well merited comment of excellence from everyone present. The student body owes Mr. Jones, the expert and painstaking grower of these beautiful flowers, a debt of gratitude. Fellow-students, love and be thankful for all that is beautiful.

A large audience gave the eight contestants their appreciative and hearty support. Five ladies— Misses Anna White, Douglas McGregor, C. Russel, E. M. Holding, Mrs. R. Newton, and three men—Messrs. C. Morris, F. Dogherty, E. D. McGreer contested for the prizes, three of which were competed for by the ladies and two by the men. Miss R. L. Stewart, in her always charmingly graceful manner, presented the prizes, which the judges awarded as follows:

1—Miss E. M. Holding, "The Bear Story," by James W. Riley.

2—Mrs. R. Newton, "The Ballad of Yaava," by E. Pauline Johnson.

3—Miss Douglas McGregor, "Leap-year Mishaps," by Mary T. Marshall.

1—C. Morris, Lord Roberts' Speech on Preparedness, delivered at Manchester, Oct. 22, 1912.

2—F. Dogherty, "Fluevette," by Robert W. Service.

The meeting was concluded with the singing of College Songs and the National Anthem.

From an elocutionary standpoint, the ladies did excellent work, and showed a surprising superiority. Comparatively speaking, the men were mere beginners, hardly evincing an appreciation of the most elementary principles of the art of Elocution.

The reason for this appalling dearth of appreciation on the part of the men, generally speaking, may be attributed to three causes, lack of favourable opportunity, woeful indifference, and last, but not least, the entire absence of elocutionary practice in the Year Debating Societies. The Macdonald College Literary and Debating Society plays an unquestionably important role in the perfect development of college life, and is one of the activities outside of the lecture-room and the laboratory, which is essentially complimentary to our technical studies. The Inter-year Debates, I am extremely glad to say, have always been of the very highest order, but we must not confuse Debating with Elocution. In our case, both Debating and Elocution serve as a means to end, namely, "Good Speaking."

By the art of Elocution, we try to develop the organs which are so essential to the proper control of the voice, and the subsequent production of a rich and pleasing tone. A beautiful voice is a priceless acquisition, which exerts a powerful and magnetic influence. Secondly, the art of Elocution endeavours to cultivate that subtlety of expression and delicacy of movement, which is all important in good speaking. Subtlety of expression and delicacy of movement is to the art of good speaking, what a beautiful and appropriate gown is to a plain woman, blessed with that inexplicable something, called "personality."

Space does not permit me to contrast the three sisters, Elocution, Debating and Good Speaking, but it must be perfectly obvious that a strong, harmonious, well-controlled voice supported by the talent for appropriate expression and well-timed movement are of invaluable assistance to good speaking.

It is absolutely necessary to give a poem or a piece of prose due consideration and thorough preparation in order to be able to give a satisfactory recitation. One cannot hope to master the art of Elocution unless one endeavours to make the necessary application of thought and practice, which will help one to understand the elementary and fundamental principles.

Allow me to say, in all good faith, that you are doing an injustice to yourself and you are wasting the time and attention of your audience, when you have "the nerve" to mount the platform in the Assembly Hall and give a recitation upon which you have spent a meagre few hours— in some cases less—distributed over ten to two days. You simply cannot do it, that's all. Your whole belated attempt is a pathetic farce. Do not think you "know it all," just because you happened to win a prize. You see, there was no competition. The remedy is the Year Debating Society. The Year Debating Society is your opportunity. Make the best of your opportunity. Use the Year Debating Societies as stepping stones to a worthy ideal—a fluent and a capable speaker. Your profession demands it of you.

R. D.

NEWS FROM THE FRONT.

Lance-Corp. A. R. Milne, of the P. P. C. L. I., writes a very newsy letter from the trenches, giving interesting details of many of the Mac. boys on active service. Milne was a member of Agr. '17, and joined the 1st Universities Overseas Co. in the spring of 1915. The letter was received by Dr. F. C. Harrison, and reads thus:

"It is with sincere sorrow and regret that I write to tell you of Sergt. McCormick's death. Perhaps you may have heard of it already, but I thought a word or two would not be out of place, and would let his old friends at the College know that he died like a good soldier and a hero—doing his duty on the field of battle. It was on September 15th, while our battalion was advancing to the attack through a heavy German artillery barrage, that McCormick received the wounds which caused his death. A big shell landed amongst the men, killing some and wounding several. McCormick was badly cut about the thighs and trunk, I understand, and though the stretcher-bearers dressed him and got him out right away, he had very little chance, and word has since been received that he died in one of the hospitals.

I am sure that all McCormick's friends, both among the Faculty and students, will regret very much to hear of his death. He was an excellent soldier, who knew his duty and did it; and in the army, which rubs off corners even more than does college life, I got to know him better than I ever did before, and to have a better appreciation of his good qualities. He is only one of the good fellows who have given up their lives while doing that which they knew to be their duty, and Canada will miss his services and be the poorer for the loss. But better, I think, that he should lose his life, and Canada his services, than that he should have shirked the duty which he saw to be his.

Our little bunch of seventeen that left in March, 1915, is now pretty well broken up. McCormick dead, Paterson wounded and prisoner of war, Kelsall, McMahon, Buckland, Fred Hislop, and Bouldin (now an officer in the R. C. R.'s), all wounded; Bradford convalescing in England; Spendlove in a convalescent home on account of his eyes; Flood commissioned in an Imperial regiment; MacFarlane back in Canada with a commission; Brunt in No. 1 Can. Gen. Hospital; Ashby in Bde. M. G. Transport, Brighton, now on Brigade, and Jones (who has just returned) out here with me in the battalion, and Bailey, in the Engineers. But reinforcements from the College have arrived, and gone in part again. Dick Hislop is still on deck; Scotty Rankin is much in evidence as a runner, and Skinner has not yet managed to connect with any form of German frightfulness. For myself, I am still well, and with a whole skin, which is very lucky after being in France for fifteen months. My birthday was Sept. 16th, and I spent it in the trenches in territory which had been Fritz's the day before, so that it will be a memorable one.

We are back at present, and I just missed seeing Drayton on his way up. He was enquiring about us. I have seen Durling several times, and ran into Huntley Gordon the other day on the street. A few of us also spent a couple of very pleasant evenings with Capt. (Dr.) Savage, while in Belgium.

With kindest regards to all the College, I am,

Very sincerely,
ARTHUR R. MILNE.

SPORTING NEWS.

Juniors Win at Basketball.

On Friday evening, Nov. 17th, the Freshmen suffered defeat at the hands of the Juniors in a basketball game, with a score of 19—13. The Freshies started off strong, scoring three baskets and making good on a free shot in the first few minutes. This rather startled the Juniors, who had to tighten up a bit, after which the representatives of Class '20 were not so fortunate in making baskets. The end of the first half saw the Freshmen leading with a margin of two points. However, during the last period the Juniors did most of the scoring, running up a total of 19 points. Many fouls were called on the Juniors, but unfortunately the Freshmen failed to utilize the majority of them to advantage. The game was handled by Mr. A. R. Ness, assisted by Mr. Sam Skinner, in a very able manner.

The line-up of the two teams was as follows:

Class '18.		Class '20.
Tilden ...	Right Forward	Ness and McGreer.
Arnold ...	Left Forward .	Woodwark
Cass	Centre	Templeton
Jones	Right Guard ..	Peterson
Reid	Left Guard ..	Buchanan

At a meeting of the Athletic Association last week a complete schedule of the interclass indoor games was drawn up. As the last game is to be played very close to the end of the term, it is desirable and essential that nothing be allowed to interfere with the programme, and it is up to the teams concerned in each case to see that the games are played as scheduled. The schedule reads thus:—

Nov. 9—Seniors vs. Sophomores—Basketball.
Nov. 16—Juniors vs. Freshmen—Basketball.
Nov. 23—Seniors vs. Sophomores—Baseball.
Nov. 30—Juniors vs. Freshmen —Baseball.
Dec. 7—Teachers vs. Sophomores—Basketball.
Jan. 11—Seniors vs. Freshmen —Baseball.
Jan. 18—Juniors vs. Sophomores —Basketball.
Jan. 25 —Teachers vs. Seniors —Basketball.
Feb. 1—Juniors vs. Sophomores —Baseball.
Feb. 8—Seniors vs. Freshmen —Basketball.
Feb. 15—Seniors vs. Juniors—Baseball.
Feb. 22—Teachers vs. Freshmen —Basketball.
March 1—Seniors vs. Juniors—Basketball.
March 8—Sophomores vs. Freshmen —Baseball.
March 15—Teachers vs. Juniors—Basketball.
March 22—Sophomores vs. Freshmen —Basketball.

THE MACDONALD COLLEGE RINK.

At a meeting of the student body on Friday, Nov, 17th, the rink manager for the coming season was elected. The lucky man to receive that honour was Jim Adams, '19. It was suggested also at this meeting that, in view of the fact of there being a very considerable amount of work connected with the administration of the rink, the manager should have an assistant. The suggestion was acted upon, and William Woodwark, '20, became the assistant.

These two men are right on to their job, and Saturday afternoon saw the materials for the rink moved out from their summer quarters. Arrangements are made for having the wiring and lights erected immediately, and also the rink and houses will be assembled in the near future. Thus everything will be in readiness as soon as the cold weather sets in, to go ahead with preparing the ice. If the same promptness and energy is shown by these men, who have the rink in charge, throughout the season, there will be no doubt as to its success, and we can look forward to an enjoyable winter on the ice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Dr. Lynde will give a lecture on "Sound," Thursday evening, Nov. 23, in Room 175, Physics Building. The subject will be dealt with particularly in relation to musical instruments and voice, and will be illustrated with numerous demonstrations.

The third game of the indoor interclass series will be played on Friday, Nov. 24. The Seniors will play the Sophomores at indoor baseball.

The Second Patriotic Dance is announced for Saturday evening, Nov. 25th, in the Men's Residence. The dance will commence at 7.15 p.m. sharp.

The first number of volume seven of the Macdonald College Magazine, the Oct.-Nov. issue, will appear this week. Copies will be obtainable in Montreal at Chapman's Bookstore.

COTTON TREES ON TEXAS CAMPUS.

Among the numerous botanical curios to be found on the campus of the University of Texas are the "cotton trees" growing near the university greenhouse. There are two of them, two gigantic cotton stalks, grown from South American cotton seed. Each is fully ten feet in height, and the stalk is several inches thick in places. The seed was planted a year ago, but due to the fact that the trees were started in the greenhouse in pots, the growth was more or less stunted. Last January they bloomed, one having five large blossoms. The yield of cotton is very small, however, only one boll bursting, which is kept in the museum. The seeds are coal black, and have not the characteristic Texas fuzz on them, whereas the leaves are of the same geenral contour as that of the regular Texas cotton. However, even with its large size, the tree is of no economic value.

FRESHMEN HURT IN RUSH.

Two members of the freshmen class at Hanover College were seriously injured recently in the annual tug-of-war. Several other students received minor injuries in the scrap which is a tug-of-war over a shallow pond. The losing side goes in the pond.

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Miss Rita Smith An Educational Mission from American Missions Board.

Among those who will sail on the Empress of Asia when she leaves for the Orient on Nov. 2 is Miss Rita Smith, who will go to China as an educational missionary under the direction of the American Board of Missions, which is supported chiefly by the Congregational churches of Canada and the United States. The coming year Miss Smith will spend at Peking, where she will attend the language school, after which her work will be in Northern China at Tung Chow, a city some sixteen miles from Peking. Her duties there will consist chiefly in teaching in the girls' boarding school, in supervising native teachers as well as assisting in the spreading of the Christian religion through that portion of China. With a full appreciation of the work before her, Miss Smith looks forward to it with enthusiasm and pleasure, expecting it to prove a larger and richer field for her endeavors. Although not a native-born British Columbian, Miss Smith has lived most of her life in Vancouver and received her public school, High School and three years of her university education in this city, her arts course being completed by a year in the Royal Victoria College at Montreal. During her college course, Miss Smith was an enthusiastic member of the hockey, basketball and debating teams as well as a popular leader in the activities of her class, Arts '11, of which she was president in her junior year. After her Normal School course, she took a position as primary teacher in the Collingwood West School, where she proved herself a capable and efficient member of the South Vancouver teaching staff, her resignation being accepted with regret by the School Board of that municipality. Miss Smith belongs to a family which has given itself to the services of its country without stint, and of which the city of Vancouver may feel justly proud. Capt. Merton Smith, her father, is chaplain of the 121st Western Irish, which is now stationed in England, in which regiment her youngest brother, Willie, a boy of 15, is also enlisted as drummer. Another brother, Philip Smith, is in France as sub-flight lieutenant, while the only other male member of the family, Pte. Harry Smith, expects to leave with the next draft of the 68th Battery. Those who know Miss Smith, her power of organization and capabilities for work under any conditions, feel that the American Board of Missions has received a valuable addition to their staff of foreign missionaries.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

The following is a list of unclaimed letters in the Registrar's Office:

Beaudoin, Philipp,
Finley, Miss.
Fletcher, Mrs. J. A.
Grant, Gregor.
McAvoy, James.
McClellan, Elmer.
McPherson, J. J.
Price, Dr. R. F.
Spencer, Gordon.
Woodhouse, Douglas.
Johnson, Dr. B.

The Registrar would be glad, if students, or others, who know the present address of any of the above named, would notify him of same.

SAFE IN ENGLAND.

A cablegram has been received announcing the safe arrival at a port in England of Lieut. W. Stanley Cole, Sci. '17, who went overseas recently with a draft of officers of the Canadian Engineers. Lieut. Cole entered Third Year Science in the fall of 1915 after taking up work at Queen's University, where he was prominent in athletics, being particularly well known as a boxer.

TRANSFERRED TO R. F. C.

That his son, Pte. Hugh B. Griffith, Arts '14, has been granted a commission in the Royal Flying Corps, and attached to the 20th Squadron, is the news which has been received by Dr. A. R. Griffith, 221 Peel street. Lieut. Griffith was business manager of McGill Daily at the time when its financial standing was threatened in 1913, and was largely responsible for the successful conduct of the negotiations which were carried on at that time, and which assured the continuance of the student newspaper.

GETS OVERSEAS APPOINTMENT.

Lieut. T. West, formerly of the McGill C. O. T. C., and latterly acting adjutant of the 5th Royal Highlanders of Canada, has been appointed to the 2nd Reinforcing Company of the Regiment, which is about to be raised.

GRADUATE PROMOTED.

Lieut. G. Arthur Bennet, Sci. 11, has been appointed adjutant of the B Company, Canadian Engineers' Training Camp at Crowborough, in England.

STOREROOM FOR RIFLES.

A large room in the basement of the Arts building has been converted into an armory for the C. O. T. C. Five hundred rifles for the use of the men of the battalion will be stored there when alterations being made are completed.

PENNSY TUG OF WAR.

On a field that was covered ankle-deep with the stickiest kind of mush, the Sophs. and Freshmen of the University of Pennsylvania tried to drag each other around on the end of a rope. The contest was more of a submarine act than a tug-o'-war. However, each side had the pleasure of dragging their hated rivals through the mud as the festive occasion ended in a draw.

The University of Illinois Magazine has offered a prize to the Illinois undergraduate women who will write the best 2,000 word essay on "The Man I Admire." In explanation of the novel contest the editor writes: "We want to find out just what kind of men the Illinois women like; what they admire and dislike in University men, and just how far men here come up to the standards they set. Then, after the excitement of the maidens' prayer has subsided, we'll give the men a chance to come back."

ATTENDANCE AT THE UNION ON INCREASE

Number of Meals Served Yesterday Was Above Last Week's Average.

Some increase in the attendance at the Union dining room was noted yesterday, with a total of 228 meals served. This is a slight increase over the average set last week at the student social centre. Only thirty students took breakfast at the Union yesterday, which is a slight increase, but far below what it should be. There were 125 meals served at noon, and 73 in the evening.

To-day's menu is as follows:—

Soups—Cream of Celery; Beef Broth with Barley.

Fish — Broiled Salmon, Maitre de Hotel; Steamed Finnan Haddie with Cream Sauce.

Entrees—Breaded Pork Chops a la Espagnol; Game Pie, Individual; Grilled Veal Cutlet, Green Peas; Hamburger Steak, Fried Onions; Baked Sausages, Mashed Potatoes; Cold Roast Pork, Vegetable Salad.

Eggs to Order—Cheese or Parsley Omelette; Fried or Scrambled Eggs.

Roasts—Prime Ribs of Beef au Jus; Leg of Lamb, Mint Sauce; Leg of Veal with Dressing.

Vegetables—Boiled or Mashed Potatoes, Creamed Carrots.

Desserts—Raisin Pie, Rice Custard Pudding.

R. V. C. CLASS MEETINGS.

There will be a class meeting of R. V. C. '17 to-day at 1 p.m., in the Common Room. Everyone please make an effort to be present.

There will be an important class meeting of R. V. C. '18 to-day at 1 p.m.

A meeting of R. V. C. '19 will be held to-day in the Latin Room at 1 p.m.

There will be a meeting of the Partial Society to-day in the Common Room at 1 p.m.

There will be a meeting of R. V. C. '20 in the Mathematics Room to-day at 1 p.m. There is important business to be discussed.

PASS ON AMENDMENTS.

The advisory board of the Students Union met yesterday afternoon, and despatched current business. Two minor amendments to the Union constitution were adopted, and efforts will be taken immediately to have it passed by the Board of Governors of the University.

COMMERCE '17 MEETING.

A meeting of the class of Commerce '17 will be held in the Arts building on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. A full attendance is requested, as important business will be under discussion.

ICE CREAM LABORATORY.

Flint laboratory, at Massachusetts, now is busily engaged in installing an ice cream department. The hope is that the scheme will not only offer better ways of making ice cream, but will also be self-supporting.

ELECTRIC CLUB.

The members of the Electric Club will make their first trip this afternoon through the shops of the Northern Electric Co.

The Electric Club is well organized this year, and the President, A. L. Buckland, is doing all in his power to make this a most successful session for the club. The programme outlined is to make trips every fortnight through plants in and near the city, and also to have several papers read by well known engineers. Besides the trip to-day, arrangements are being made for lectures by Dr. Herdt and Mr. A. Gall, and a trip to Cedars Rapids.

All third and fourth year Electricals are requested to meet at the corner of Centre and Shearer streets at 2.30 sharp. Any men who do not know the way may meet at Strathcona Hall at 2 p.m. sharp, and proceed from there.

OPENING SUPPER OF FRENCH CLUB TO-DAY

Dr. Villard to Give Address, and Programme to be Discussed.

The Cercle Francais opens its programme for the present session to-night, when the first social gathering, in the form of a supper, will be held at the Union. Drill need not prevent any member from attending, as the affair will not begin until 6.30; and those who have not time to change beforehand, can attend in uniform.

The chief business to be brought before the meeting is in relation to the proposed activities of the Club this winter. All members will be invited to come forward with their views in the matter, and should be present, if only to do that. Dr. Villard, honorary president of the society, has very kindly promised to be present and give a short address.

All indications show that the Cercle Francais is out for a successful season, this year. Theatre parties, debates in French, and addresses by prominent public men, will in all likelihood be included in the programme. There will also be a couple of friendly meetings with the Societe Francais of the R. V. C., such as were held last year.

Every member should be on hand at the Union this evening at 6.30 p.m.

BASKETBALL AT R. V. C.

There will be a basketball practice for Juniors and Sophomores to-day at 5 p.m.

On Wednesday at 2 p.m., there will be a basketball match between Seniors and Sophomores, and the Juniors and Freshies, respectively. The match will begin sharp at 2 o'clock.

SCIENCE GRAD DEAD.

Philip Lambert Bolton, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bolton, 15 Hope Avenue, Montreal, passed away on Friday. He was twenty-seven years old, and a graduate of Science '12.

MED. GRADUATE DEAD.

The death occurred at Arichat, N.S., on Sunday, of Dr. C. P. Bissett, Med. '90, who represented Richmond county in the Provincial House of Assembly for eleven years. Dr. Bissett has been in failing health for some time. He was a gold medallist of McGill, and was 50 years of age.

DOC GOT THAT FAR!

"Bet you drinks the Doc won't get this far," was the manner in which a Freshman student in physical education in the University of Minnesota ended one of his themes.

Several students have evidently been suffering under the delusion that Dr. Cooke did not read the themes. Many compositions were unfinished, and some sort of joke or other near the end of the themes was common.

But, alas! The 'Doc" doled out blue slips, and there were several Freshmen who are sadder but wiser.

GREEK STUDENT SOCIETY.

The Greek students in various colleges and universities in the United States have organized themselves into the Greek Students' Association of America—the "Helicon." The purpose of this association is to promote education among the Greeks of America; to initiate the more intelligent Greek youths into the higher circles of American spiritual life, and to enable the the Greek Students' Association of American Civilization the best services of which the genius of the race is capable.

EDISON GETS DEGREE.

Thomas A. Edison received the degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of the State of New York, over the telephone. Mr. Edison was in his workroom at Orange, while Dr. Finley, who conferred the degree, was in the New York Education Building's auditorium.

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